

**FEBRUARY 2020**

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***WOODCRAFT MATTERS***

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

With sadness to report that John Dawdy passed away on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. John attended the Wednesday morning turning and always at the club meetings. John would show his latest miniature wood turnings of carvings.

### **Club meetings back again Monday 10 February BRING SHOW & TELL**

At the last committee meeting I said "I like club meetings, they're always interesting"

We will be starting daytime meeting from 1 – 3 ish on the second Monday of each month but not public holidays. The format still to be decided but lots of talking about members projects completed & wood & tools & projects & wood & tools. All the important things of woodworking.

If you have any ideas what to do let me know.

### **Group news**

Boxes makers on Tuesday nights has been stopped due to lack of numbers. The group could start again but we will need a new group leader.

### **What's happening around the club**

New roller blinds are here for the window near the table saw

The entrance to the car park from the street will be widened to make the turn easier. (sometime soon)?

Power point to table saw to be repaired (doesn't turn off)

Council have changed wiring on the site with basketball & netball so we will now get our own electricity bill.

### **Australia day birdbox making**

320 boxes assembled by a team of 21 members & friends. Also 100 spinning tops wood turned to give out. Thanks for all the donated wood items we sold \$480.00 worth, with our work going to homes across Melbourne. Thanks Allan Way & helpers for preparing the materials for the boxes.

THANKS TO ALL HELPERS YOU MADE THIS A GREAT SUCCESS.

I learnt something new this year, when a 3 year old swings a hammer from above their shoulders move your hands quickkkkk. Got me! Lucky only a 3 year old.

### **Mission statement on the front page of the website**

We have reworded the mission statement on the front page of the website. Making it clear that we do not have formal lessons but will show how to do it then in turn they will show others.

The new Mission Statement is shown overleaf:

## PRESIDENTS REPORT (CONTINUED)

### ***Mission Statement***

Woodcraft Manningham is a hands-on club, with a large well-equipped workshop in an old single roomed school building erected in 1874 and was used as the East Templestowe Primary School. We have a series of woodworking groups in each of our disciplines during the month together with a monthly General Meeting, usually with a guest speaker talking on various woodworking topics.

We are a group of interested woodworkers who will show you how to do it. We do not have formal lessons and our fees reflect this. Other members will help with different aspects of doing the project. In turn one day you will help others to learn.

We encourage all members to be involved in all aspects of club life.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Enjoy woodworking      John Paine



## **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

**NEW DAY AND TIME**

**FIRST MEETING: MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1.00 PM**

### **What's on Around the Clubs**

10 Feb	Monthly W/M Meeting	At the Clubhouse
21-22 March	Warrandyte Festival	Alan Way 9459 9049
27-29 Mar	Turnfest wood turning Goldcoast	<a href="http://www.turnfest.com.au">http://www.turnfest.com.au</a>
1-3 May	Baccus Marsh Wood carving weekend	Bob Edwards
June	Royal Melbourne show Woodwork competition entry closing date	
June	Wood carvers visit to Wodonga	Charles Castle
August	Timber, Tools & Artisan Show	Melb Showgrounds
September	Woodturning "Turnaround" Phillip Island	
September	Royal Melbourne show Woodwork competition	
October	Gympie Rotary Ancient Crafts Rare Trades Expo	<a href="http://www.ancientcrafts.org">www.ancientcrafts.org</a>
October	Wood carving weekend @ club rooms	Mel Forbes
4 December	Club Christmas lunch	David Cretney

## Birdbox-Making Day 2020

Bird box making was once again an Australia Day activity at the Alexandra Gardens, and a valuable fundraising event for your Manningham Woodworking group. The event was open to people aged 4-14 who were invited to assemble a bird box from a kit of 6 pieces of ply wood cut to size and for the occasion predrilled, without charge. Twenty two club members supervised the assembly, with the much appreciated assistance of 3 supportive friends/family members. We were kept busy and well entertained by the many people who waited in almost constant queues at the 3 marquee stand that we set up this year. There were 8 assembly stations - 2 low, small tables and chairs for the younger builders, and 6 stations around two large tables with pallets for the older participants to stand on if they needed just a little help with height.

The strong member turnout allowed for rotation of supervisors of the young people who came to assemble their bird box, although club members were very engaged with those who visited the stand, often showing no great enthusiasm to step aside to let another take their place! However, rotation did make the day flow quicker, and kept the enthusiasm levels higher.

There was quite a mix of participants. There were girls and boys, from a variety of cultural backgrounds, well spread out among the target age group, and with a range of experience and skill with hammer and nail. Parents or grandparents were close at hand, often with cameras raised to record the occasion. At a personal level, I really enjoyed spending time with these young people, aware that in not a great many years, they will be the movers and shakers in our society. It was an honour to spend some time with them at this age of their lives, and they certainly seemed to be delighted with the opportunity to develop their skills in a task that they often had no experience with.

This event was not completely certain to go ahead this year, with confirmation of details available only a month or so in advance. But by any measure it was successful; we used all of the 320 kits we took with us, we (nearly) made it through the allocated activity time with the supply of kits, the participants enjoyed the day and were very pleased to have constructed a tangible, useful product, and the club members were pleased with their engagement with participants, and the success of this Australia Day activity.

Colin Cassells

The following images of our Australia Day booth courtesy of Jorica Platt, Colin Cassells and John Paine:

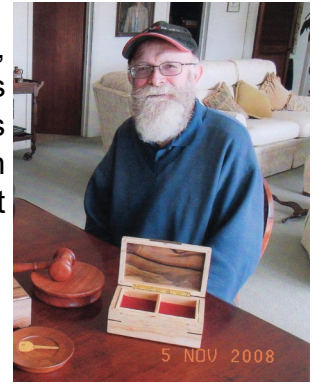


### Vale John Dawdy

John was a long standing member of our club, having joined 14/15 years ago, and was an active member who belonged to several groups including turners and box makers. He was well known for his miniatures especially Christmas trees. He was very good at attending our monthly meetings and often brought in items for Show and Tell. Our sympathies are extended to Margaret and the family.

John will be sadly missed by all .

Bert Lopes



### WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL 2020.

The 2020 Warrandyte Festival is to be held over two days on Saturday the 21st and Sunday the 22nd of March. In the past this event has been well supported by our club and we hope to continue this year. We have space in a covered rotunda to display our clubs activities.

We would like to have representation from each of the clubs activities. A roster for the two days is on the notice board, and we encourage members to join in and help promote our club. We will need people to demonstrate and others to talk to those interested in the club and hand out brochures. This has been a good recruitment event for new members, and is a great fun weekend with lots of action. Any time you can give over the weekend will be appreciated.

For further information : Allan Way 9459 9049.

### COAT OF ARMS COMPLETED

This is my reproduction of the Scots' Church coat of arms, which I carved last year for the Scots' Church Art Exhibition.

Bryan Thompson was enormously helpful throughout the whole process, and I could not have done it or achieved the result I did without him. Thanks again Bryan.

This exhibition is held in July each year, as part of the Open House weekend. There is no entry fee, entries may be sold. There is a category of sculpture, which includes carving. There is a best of show award for the best exhibit directly related to Scots Church or its people.

I worked on this carving for almost a year. The coat of arms background is basswood, as are the central pieces of each section. Each section was cut out, then the four sections were glued together with wooden strips to divide the sections. The outside borders were steam bent, then glued and clamped. The central pieces were cut out individually, basically with a scroll saw. David Cretney cut out the burning bush, and helped with others. These were then carved as required. They were glued in place.

The scroll with "In God We Trust" was carved separately, the letters being incised. That part was then glued on.

The whole thing was painted, with a lot of help from Pauline Castle. We glued the whole thing to a piece of veneered chip board, and fastened edge strips. The whole piece was then finished with CrystallKote spray lacquer.

At the exhibition the piece was quickly sold, and won a second prize.

Charles Castle



## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Following an upgrade, I have some sharpening equipment for sale:

- Abbott & Ashby 150mm grinder
- Delta wetstone grinder 210mm
- 1200 grit Japanese waterstone
- 4000 grit Japanese waterstone
- Japanese Nagura Stone
- Diamond Trueing tool
- Veritas Grinding jig with straight blade holder
- Veritas honing guide

Photos below.

\$200 the lot.

Contact Richard Fyffe 0431 091 108



## MORE FROM THE WEB

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<a href="https://davidffisherblog.wordpress.com/page/3/">https://davidffisherblog.wordpress.com/page/3/</a>	CARVING WEB SITE
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<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im4mDD5Tbxg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im4mDD5Tbxg</a>	NETSUKE CARVER

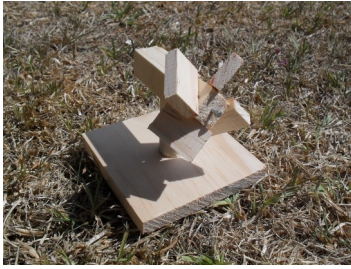
### MAGAZINES JUST IN:

Woodcarving, Jan/Feb 2020

Mel Forbes

## SCULPTURES BY MARK GLICKMAN

(new W/M member)



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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